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Listed U.S. Patent No. 6,265,334 is a counterpart of the listed Japan No. 11-343168.

The following listed references are discussed in the specification of the present application:

"Low Thermal Expansion Of Ceramics"

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A copy of Notice of Reasons For Rejection of the Japanese Patent Office, along with an English translation, of priority Japanese Patent Application No. 11-183109 is enclosed.

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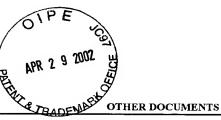
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